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For Immediate Release
September 1, 2009

Algonquins place bodies in front of logging machines: prevent logging until Quebec and Canada respect agreements and leadership

Kitiganik/Rapid Lake, Algonquin Territory /

- This afternoon members of the Algonquins of Barriere Lake will peacefully block the machines of Abitibi-Bowater forestry workers, preventing logging in

their territory until Quebec implements agreements covering forestry on Barriere Lake's lands, and the Quebec and Canadian government's recognize the First Nation's legitimate leadership.

"Our community has decided there will be no forestry activities or any new developments in our Trilateral Agreement Territory until the status of our leadership and the agreements we signed are resolved to our community's satisfaction," says Jean Maurice Matchewan, Customary Chief of Barriere Lake. "The Quebec government has acted in bad faith, giving companies the go-ahead to log while they ignore their legal obligations, leaving us with no choice but to stop forestry operations until Quebec complies with the agreement. We have waited more than 3 years for Quebec to implement it." Matchewan received no response to a letter he sent to Manager Paul Grondin of Abitibi-Bowater's Maniwaki mill on August 25, requesting that the company suspend logging operations until the governments follow through on their obligations.

"Our plan is to peacefully put our bodies in front of their machines until we get some results. We expect they may use the police, because we are used to such tactics. This is our territory and they can't push us off our lands," says Matchewan.



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and a photograph

Canada and Quebec have refused to acknowledge the results of a June 24, 2009 leadership selection process that reselected Jean Maurice Matchewan as the legitimate Customary Chief of Barriere Lake. National Chief Shawn Atleo of the Assembly of First Nations, however, met with Chief Matchewan on August 19, to discuss the Trilateral agreement and other community concerns. The

Algonquin Nation Secretariat, a Tribal Council representing three Algonquin communities including Barriere Lake, also recently reiterated their support for Chief Matchewan.

"Instead of acting honourably and cooperating with our Customary Council to implement these signed agreements, the federal and provincial governments have been working in unison to try and install a minority faction whom they can use to sign off on the cutting of our forest," says Matchewan.

Barriere Lake wants Canada and Quebec to uphold signed agreements dating back to the 1991 Trilateral

Agreement, a landmark sustainable development and resource co-management agreement praised by the United Nations and the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples. Canada has been in breach of the agreement since 2001. Quebec signed a complementary Bilateral Agreement in 1998, but has stalled despite the 2006 recommendations of two former Quebec Cabinet Ministers, Quebec special representative John Ciaccia and Barriere Lake special representative Clifford Lincoln, that the agreement be implemented. The agreement is intended to allow logging to continue while protecting the Algonquin's' traditional way of life and giving them a \$1.5 million share of the \$100 million in resource revenue that comes out of their territory every year.

PHOTO: Barriere lake solidarity

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<http://aboriginalnewsgroup.blogspot.com/2009/09/algonquins-peacefully-block-logging.html>

Guḡuelthu Anti-Eviction Campaign Press Release 2 September, 2009

For immediate release

Police and bulldozers have come to Skhoma Butchery unannounced and are proceeding, as we speak, to illegally destroy the Butchery. All this is happening despite a court settlement between the butchery and owners of the new Gugulethu Square Mall. The landowner, West Side (who received the land through a corrupt deal with the non-profit Kula Business (see this M&G article), was ordered by the court to satisfy 5 requirements before the eviction would be allowed to proceed.

Besides being required to pay the costs of relocation and offer reduced rentals on the new mall premises, the main requirement of the settlement is that Skhoma Butchery is offered a suitable alternative premises

whereby it could conduct its business. However the place that has been offered to them by West Side is clearly unsuitable - there are no toilets nor is there a braai area for customers. These two factors are essential to Skhoma's ability to attract and cater for its customers. This kind of thing happens everyday in South Africa where politically connected and wealthy people are permitted to break the law and evict people illegally. The owners of the butchery with the support of the Anti-Eviction Campaign will oppose the eviction as it blatantly violates the recent High Court order.

For more information, contact Mncedisi from the AEC at 078-580-8646

For comment, also contact one of the owners, Thandi at 082-495-8652 or her son Unathi at 073-201-6946.

White South African Given Refugee Status In Canada

BY RIDWAN LAHER:

Brandon Huntley, a 31 year old white South African has been granted refugee status by the Canadian immigration and refugee board according to a news report. The board held that Huntley, who grew up in Cape Town, showed "clear and convincing proof of the state's (South Africa) inability or unwillingness to protect him ..." from blacks. The panel chair, William Davis, went further to argue that Huntley's case illustrated the "inability or unwillingness" of the South African government to protect all white South Africans.

This bullsh*t ruling was made last Thursday.

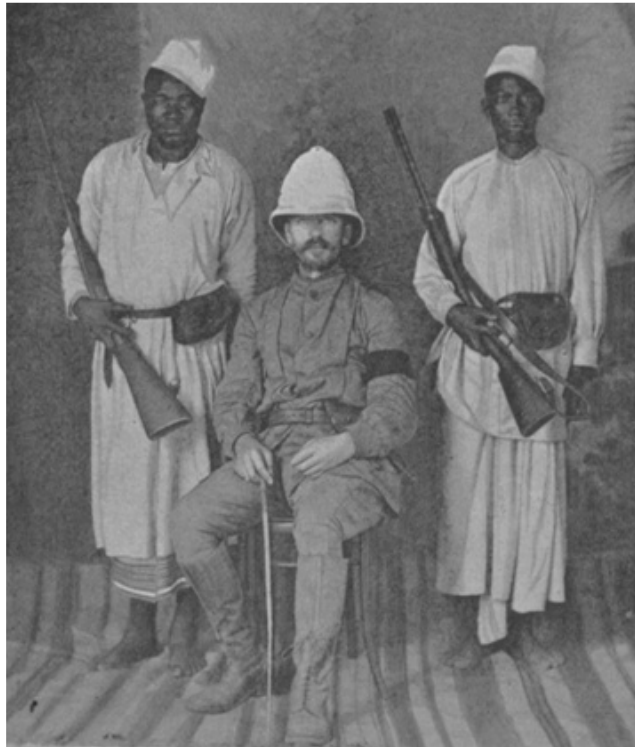
Huntley first went to Canada on a work permit in 2004. The permit was for six months. In 2005 he returned to Canada and remained there until 2008 when he petitioned for refugee status.

He claims that in South Africa he was called a "settler" and a "white dog". He also says he was attacked 7 times by blacks.

This ruling is the first granted to a white South African in Canada and it makes a mockery of the socio-political conditions that define post-apartheid South Africa.

Sixteen years ago when we transitioned to a post-apartheid state Huntley was just 15 years old. Subtract the 4 or so years that he spent in Canada and his post-apartheid experience is a grand total of 11 years.

What absolute rubbish his case represents. His claim is dubious at best and yet it has strangely found reason in Canada. It goes without saying that there are many whites in South Africa who will envy the status given to Huntley. I also expect that just as many, hopefully more, will also rubbish his claim to victimhood. That Huntley and others like him across the racial divide may feel unsafe in South Africa has a lot more to do with crime than it has to do with the hatred that blacks have toward



other races, or whites specifically.

Huntley's pathetic self-imposed victimhood is summed up when he says: "There's a hatred of what we did to them and it's all about the colour of your skin ..." And the answer to that hatred you "did to them" is to fashion your whiteness as a victim of black racism?

This sh*t makes my head hurt something fierce.

Onward!

Story Credit:
<http://www.news24.com/Content/SouthAfrica/News/1059/288551f8ba4e4d94afe1fc21c132ca14/>

31-08-2009-02-55/SA_white_gets_refugee_status

UPDATE: "SA Accepts White Refugee Ruling" (News24, September 1, 2009)

UPDATE: Refugee decision 'shocking' (News24, September 2, 2009)

Given the fallout over this ridiculous decision I expect the Canadian authorities will seek to revise the outcome, even deny the granting of refugee status.

And, I would like to see Huntley's face as he re-enters South Africa.

Can his South African citizenship be rescinded? Just a thought.

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Tasmanian Aboriginal delegation head to Melbourne to protest auction

Press Release

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A delegation of Aboriginal representatives are off to Melbourne today, ready for a protest at Sotheby's auction at 962 High St Armadale, Melbourne at 6:30 pm on Monday 24th August.

State Secretary of the TAC Nala Mansell-Mckenna is part of the delegation. Sara Maynard also makes up the delegation. Nala said, "Sotheby's is auctioning two busts of Aboriginal people – truganini and woureddy -who were abused while alive and held up as entertainment after death.

The significance of the busts is that they depict, for the racists, the myth of the extermination of Aborigines in Tasmania. They are held up as trophies of the ultimate racist plot: if physical extermination fails, kill them off through images. We wonder if people would likewise make money from Nazi images of attempted genocide of the Jews.

These busts are not art. They are images of the dead associated with a racist plan to exterminate a people. It is disgusting that commercial gain is placed ahead of stamping out racism, and the hurt to the feelings of Aboriginal people. The dead are not here to defend themselves, so we do it in honour of their memory.

Sotheby's should show some moral responsibility by withdrawing the busts from sale and handing them over to Tasmanian Aboriginal people.

In the past, successive Tasmanian Premier's have supported our efforts at repatriation and preventing images of our old people from being commercialised. Nick McKim of the Tasmanian Greens and his colleague in Melbourne have spoken out in support, but Premier David Bartlett has not lifted a finger to help".

WE HOPE TO GET AS MANY BLACKFULLAS AS WE CAN TO ATTEND THE PROTESTING OF THE AUCTIONING OF THESE TWO BUSTS.

PLEASE PASS THIS E-MAIL ON FAR AND WIDE TO ANY BLACKFULLA'S IN MELBOURNE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN COMING ALONG AND SUPPORTING THE CONCERNS OF THE TASMANIAN ABORIGINES.

CALL NALA FOR MORE INFO.

Nala Mansell-McKenna
State Secretary
23rd August 2009
tele 04000 64 384

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Petition: Appeal for the immediate release of USTKE trade unionists in Kanaky

By Collectif Solidarité Kanaky

On June 29, 2009, in Noumea, Kanaky (also known by its colonial name of New Caledonia — Kanaky is a colony of France) twenty-eight members of USTKE (Federation of Unions of Kanak Workers and the Exploited) were given prison sentences. Six of them, whose committal orders were read out in court, are now serving time at Camp Est, a prison which is already overpopulated. The judgement targeted the leadership of the union, particularly the president Gérard Jodar, sentenced to one year's imprisonment, and the general secretary of the construction union, Michel Safoka, also given one year.



The official grounds for the guilty verdict are "hindering the flight of an aircraft". On Thursday May 28, a day of action organised by USTKE, during a protest outside Noumea Airport to support Air Caledonia workers who had been fighting for two months against a wrongful dismissal, mobile police and the GIPN (Intervention Group of the National Police) pushed the unionists onto the tarmac. Twenty-eight of them took refuge in an empty plane to protect themselves against a stream of tear gas. At the time of the police intervention, there were no planes in circulation and it was the very action of the police which disrupted the demonstration.

The verdict is a political verdict against the pro-independence union federation. Those in power are trying to muzzle the territory's foremost organisation for defending the rights of all workers, whether they be

Kanak (the Indigenous people of Kanaky) or of other origins. In this far-away colony where there are no industrial tribunals, employees are often forced to lead long conflicts to assert their rights, faced with arrogant bosses who mock their dignity.

We refuse to accept either the growing criminalisation of union action or unionists' imprisonment.

We demand the immediate release of the USTKE unionists and their leaders.

To sign this petition, please send your name, town, country and organisation (and position if you hold one) to: contact@solidaritekanaky.org. Visit Collectif Solidarité Kanaky's website at <http://solidaritekanaky.org>

Zionism in an Age of Genocide: A Brief Response to Mainstream anti-Palestinian Injustice

The Angryindian

Editor's Note:

This is in response to a comment posted concerning the decision by Toronto-based director John Greyson to pull his entry from this year's TIFF Film Festival. The original post and accompanying commentary thread may be found here: <http://angryindian.blogspot.com/2009/08/courageous-film-maker-john-greyson.html>

I've allowed you to take up a fair share of space on this newswire to advocate the Israeli-Zionist agenda of Euro-settler colonialism. But I feel it is also prudent to point out that you did not mention in any way the Nakba or the salient fact that Palestine nor its common citizens were in any way involved in the European Holocaust.

This is selective revisionism at its worst. And I find it extremely distasteful coming from a Jew. If anyone should understand and viscerally connect with the pain and suffering of genocide and cultural loss it is the European Jew. But as we have seen from the Nakba to Operation Cast Lead, the Euro-settler Jewish population in Occupied Palestine has chosen to use the tactics of occupation, institutional racism and genocidal violence to steal land from a militarily and politically weaker people who were in no way connected to the planned decimation of Jewish numbers under Christian-led European fascism.

You admitted in your piece that you are not fully aware of all the issues involved and this is painfully clear from your omission of any Euro-Jewish instigation behind the "troubles" in Occupied Palestine. Research the Der Yassin massacre or any of the other documented violent actions employed against Arabs by Jewish terrorist organisations inspired by the written works Ze'ev Jabotinsky (The Iron Wall) wherein he makes it clear that European Jews must eradicate the Arab population before Jews can claim to be masters of the "new Israel" proper. By creating a curious hybrid of contradictory religious, political and eugenicist elements still followed by many pro-Israel supporters, Israel and its supporters have psychologically created a uniquely Naziesque version of Euro-settler justifications for anti-Arab barbarity.

Any sane person has to marvel at the paradox. The racist pro-settler violence of pre-1947 Palestine is rarely, if ever, mentioned in the narrow discourse employed to support Euro-Israeli belligerence and you continue this tradition here. Instead, we are told of the ever-increasing violence Israelis supposedly experience from Indigenous Arabs without comment in regards to institutional racism in Israel's school system, IDF atrocities reported and confirmed by IDF soldiers against Indigenous Arabs and Israeli/U.S. peace activists or the documented fact that Israeli Defence Forces intentionally target Arab civilians and non-military infrastructure all in the name of fighting Arab terrorism. All of this in reality is

academic in direct comparison to the serious issue of why Palestinian Arabs are being held responsible for what Catholic Europe had been doing to Jews even before the Crusades.

I suggest that you take the time to read James Carroll's "Constantine's Sword: The Church and the Jews - A History" (2001) to

see who really started the tradition of anti-Jewish hatred and ask yourself how responsibility for this eugenicist terror has been transferred to Muslims and Arab Muslims in particular to excuse European settler and capitalist occupation in Western Asia.

After that, ask yourself why it is permissible for a European ethnic group genetically, historically and culturally removed from Palestine since 70 CE following the First Roman-Jewish War to lay exclusive claim to Palestine when my own people, what is left of us, and many other non-White displaced peoples are repeatedly told that we have no right to claim what has historically always been ours until European occupation and the resulting genocide of displacement changed the situation.



You skip over these issues as well in favour of a purely Europocentric paradigm that suits White Power, not universal human justice.

Palestine was not involved in the organised putsch to rid Europe of its Jewish population. But one would never know that in light of the rhetorical terrorism of pro-Israel supporters. If, like many Zionists, you choose to raise the issue of Mohammad Amin al-Husayni to justify IDF violence against Indigenous Arabs and other non-combatants, you do so at the peril of exposing Israeli moral hypocrisy. The issue was primarily revolution against the British, the colonial occupiers doing their very best to squash Indigenous Palestinian wishes to be free from the English Crown before and after the White Paper of 1939.

It was a desperate move to fight alongside Britain's enemies to remove a foreign power from their lands. Was anti-Jewish sentiment involved? Certainly it was, but it was based primarily on occupational, not ethnic grounds. Zionist, as opposed to religious/observant Jews, at the time made no secret that they viewed Arabs as sub-humans not deserving of national independence and actively worked alongside British occupational forces in violently subduing Arab resistance to English occupation. To ignore this is to ignore the entire framework behind the founding of State of Israel and the ongoing genocide of the Palestinian people under the watchful eye of the United Nations.

Your insistence on accusing Indigenous Palestinians of terrorism is also patently selective since the roots of Mid-East terrorism lies squarely at the feet of the Jewish militants who sought to take Palestine over for their own ethnic population by any means necessary. Most if not all of Israel's earliest leaders were former terrorists wanted by the British and American military authorities for acts of incredible violence against European imperialism in Palestine. Why are you ignoring this history? Jewish refugees fresh from the English-formed Jewish Brigades, (the U.S. military command flatly refused to arm liberated Jews willing to fight the Axis Powers) not only employed terrorism against the English military, but actively pursued Nazi support during World War Two.

Following the war, these Jewish hard-liners decided to make a stand by "re-taking" Palestine, a quasi-religious concept (most historical Zionists including its founder were staunch atheists) developed during the war after other plans for Jewish settlement in Africa and South America failed. It was European Jewish knee-jerk anxiety in response to historical Christian xenophobia that incited Irgun to destroy the King David Hotel, not hatred or anti-Jewish bias from Indigenous Palestinians. It was

the realistic and reasonable fear that Europe would finish what they started in 1933. A hatred not one Indigenous Palestinian had anything at all to do with.

Ask yourself why the Indigenous Arab population before and after 1947 deserves to be punished for what Europe has done to the Jewish nation since the Roman Empire, a European power, first entered and occupied Western Asia. The Judeophobic pogroms occurred in Europe, not the Arab world. Europeans built ovens to dispose of Jews, not Arabs. The German government enacted laws to restrict and finally "remove" Jews and other "undesirables"

from the European landscape, not Arabs. No Arab chemical firm produced the gas used to eliminate European Jewry while U.S. firms did do so knowing full well what these projects were intended for.

Ask yourself why the Indigenous Arab population before and after 1947 deserves to be punished for what Europe has done to the Jewish nation since the Roman Empire,

To my certain knowledge, no Arabs were involved in manufacturing such materials. In fact, no Arab had anything to do with the Final Solution, while accurate blame can be accorded to the Christian capitalists who made huge profits investing in Jewish genocide. Yet Palestinians are blamed for the ills that occurred against the European Jewish population and their genocide is permitted and rationalised as the price one pays for opposing Israel's survival.

Guilty of having the temerity to survive more than six decades of Euro-settler genocide, the Indigenous Palestinian is blamed and chastised for not simply ceasing to exist for the greater benefit of White supremacy in their own lands. And for this offence, Palestinian children are forced to be born and often die at the many checkpoints separating European Jews from the people whose lands they have stolen with the help of the world community and post-Nazi Christian guilt.

Perhaps you can create emotively plausible reasons for why Israel should be forgiven for such atrocities but I cannot be so understanding. In fact, I can think of no one I personally know who can boast of a moral backbone who would accept such sentiments as permissible much less moral. Especially when the actions in question are the responsibility of Ashkenazi extremists coming from a purely racist European perspective.

If you are going to take up an incredible amount of space on this website to push an agenda of pro-European colonialism via the back-door of posting a comment to a post, have the integrity to tell the complete story from beginning to end. Your piece clearly parrots the intense propaganda spewing forth from the Zionist lobby that rejects Israeli responsibility for colonialism, genocide and racism while selectively pointing to the desperate reactions of an already beaten and displaced people still suffering under centuries of European belligerence and eugenicist racism as the exclusive root of the various issues involved. In doing so you add your voice to the roster of other vociferously White supremacist apologists who are ready, willing and apparently able to twist human morality into something completely incomprehensible and so offensively racist that I feel I can safely say that it should offend all those who managed to survive the horrors of European Judeophobia and Christian

indifference to Jewish humanity.

However, this seems to not be the case. Your article expressly proves my position that no lessons have been learned from the 20th century other than new, more innovative ways to mistreat and dominate those we share the planet with in the name of White power, capitalism and global Europocentric hegemony. When former victims become victimisers, we all lose a piece of our humanity, and our claims to a divine innocence.

These lessons are still waiting to be learned.

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ANG Stands By Leonard Peltier!



The editorial council of the Aboriginal News Group without reservation supports American Indian Movement leader and political prisoner Leonard Peltier in his struggle for justice against Indigenous genocide in North America.

So should you.

Visit: www.leonardpeltier.net/

Buffy Sainte Marie: Uranium, an interview and a photograph

By Brenda Norrell

It is amazing what can happen when one finds and publishes a photograph from years ago. The photograph is of Buffy Sainte Marie singing at Dine' College. It was taken the day I interviewed Buffy in 1999. She told me about being censored out of the music business by Lyndon Johnson because of her song "Universal Soldier" during the Vietnam War. She spoke of the personal



hardship it brought, but also of what happened to others, including Anna Mae Aquash.

Buffy spoke of the occupation of Wounded Knee and the shoot-out with FBI agents at the Jumping Bull residence at Pine Ridge June 26, 1975.

"That is where Leonard Peltier's troubles began," Buffy said. Buffy said that few people recount the true history of what happened on that day in history.

"Who recalls that on that day one-eighth of the reservation was transferred in secret -- on that day. It was the part containing uranium. That is what never seems to be remembered," Buffy said.

The interview remained censored for seven years by

Indian Country Today, where I served as a staff reporter for the majority of those years. When Buffy's interview was finally published by ICT, one portion still remained censored.

It was the portion about Anna Mae Aquash's death in relation to the fact that Pine Ridge was targeted for uranium mining at that time. Tonight, I received an e-mail message pointing out that on June 26, 1975 Oglala Sioux Chairman and GOON squad leader Dickie Wilson was in Washington signing away one-eighth of Lakota land for uranium mining.

It was the same day that two young FBI agents were sent into the Jumping Bull camp. It is the reason that Leonard Peltier has spent his life in prison.

So, tonight I searched for more about the uranium mining that Pine Ridge was targeted for.

The e-mail came from Jack Cohen-Joppa at Nuclear Resister. "Thanks for posting your interview with Buffy Sainte Marie. I was taken by this comment of hers, particularly: 'Who recalls that on that day one-eighth of the reservation was transferred in secret -- on that day. It was the part containing uranium. That is what never seems to be remembered.' It is my recollection of this fact (learned from reading Akwesasne Notes and Rex Weyler's writing about Peltier, I think) that led us to include Leonard Peltier on the Nuclear Resister's 'Inside & Out' list for nearly the entire time we've been publishing (since issue #3, March 1981.) We wrote '... On that same day, June 26, 1975, Pine Ridge Tribal Chairman Dickie Wilson was in Washington DC, illegally signing away one-eighth of the reservation's lands to the Department of Interior. There is uranium on this land...'" <http://nuclearresister.org/>

On the web, the John Graham website states: " .. the US had an eye on developing uranium mining on a portion of the sacred Black Hills, an area known as Sheep Mountain. This area has proven to be one of the richest in uranium deposits in the US. The FBI implemented their counterintelligence operation in Pine Ridge, in order to weaken and destroy the urban Indian movement, and to subjugate the traditional Lakotas for once and for all."

<http://www.grahamdefense.org/200411investigatethefeds.htm>

Posted on Russell Means' Lakotah Republic website: "In 1975, with his control of the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota secured by force, Tribal President Wilson set about ceding uranium-rich areas of the sacred Black Hills to the federal government. AIM assisted in protecting Pine Ridge's traditional families from the constant onslaught of violence, which culminated in the AIM occupation and government siege of Wounded Knee in the Spring of 1973. From 1973 to 1976, the people of Pine Ridge lived under the 'Reign of Terror'—more than 76 Natives, mainly traditional Lakotah and AIM members, were murdered, primarily by Wilson's goons, a term coined by the elderly women who protested against them. Later, in a perverse play on words, the goons called themselves, 'Guardians of the Oglala Nation' (GOONs)."

Then, I remembered being at Sheep Mountain. We climbed and watched for helicopters in the night, as Lakotas protected the remains of the Ghost Dancers at the Stronghold in 2002. In the dark night, the sky filled with lightning and thunder. All Creation was there at that moment.

Buffy's lyrics:

"My girlfriend Annie Mae talked about uranium
Her head was filled with bullets and her body dumped
The FBI cut off her hands and told us she'd died of
Exposure...

"Bury my heart at Wounded Knee
Deep in the Earth
Cover me with pretty lies
bury my heart at Wounded Knee."

Finally, I do not know who killed Anna Mae Aquash. But I do know that two separate groups of witnesses, all local Lakotas on Pine Ridge, said they were there when it happened at Oglala. Many never came forward out of fear. But they do identify the same person as the killer.

That person is not any of the men, including Arlo Looking Cloud now in prison for this crime, who have been charged.

Lakota lands and Indian country are once again targeted for uranium mining.

Buffy has just released a new CD, "Running for the Drum." The uncensored interview with Buffy Sainte Marie: <http://bsnorrell.tripod.com/id99.html>

WWII tests exposed Lakotas in Badlands during genocidal studies using uranium
In situ leach uranium mining is the new form of genocide in Indian country:

<http://www.rense.com/general84/occd.htm>
Updated reference: Uranium on Pine Ridge

"... Meanwhile, on Pine Ridge, South Dakota, a storm was gathering. In 1973, the federally installed regime of tribal president Richard 'Dickie' Wilson was attempting to transfer the barren but uranium-laden northwestern eighth of the reservation -- an area known as the Gunnery Range -- to the Interior Department. As his reward, Wilson anticipated U.S. support in establishing what amounted to his own feudal dynasty.

When traditional Oglalas resisted his attempt to seize their land, Wilson created a goon squad, paid with Bureau of Indian Affairs funds and largely composed of off-duty Bureau cops. The U.S. government dispatched a sixty-member SWAT unit of federal marshals from Washington to reinforce him. When the marshals came in, traditional Oglalas requested direct assistance from the American Indian Movement. This brought about the movement's occupation of Wounded Knee."

--":Like a Hurricane -- The American Indian Movement: From Alcatraz to Wounded Knee -- a book review," by Ward Churchill, published in The Progressive

http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m1295/is_n6_v61/ai_19482846/

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Police Brutally Assault Peaceful Service Delivery Protestors in Alexandra: Call for Solidarity and Advice

Press Statement from the Alexandra Vukuzenzele Crisis Committee (In Johannesburg)

We, the Alexandra Vukuzenzele Crisis Committee (AVCC), have been fighting for our right to move from our shacks to houses since 2002. We have engaged the Alexandra Renewal Project (ARP) and local ANC councilors, but they have failed to respond to our grievances. To push forward the struggle of the poor for our right to housing, we have been non-violently occupying empty RDP houses in extension 7. The government and the police have responded by brutally assaulting us in order to stop us from applying this method of non-violent direct action - the only method we have to force the government to heed to our demands for housing.

On the 7th August 2009, we moved from our shacks to the RDP houses and stayed overnight. The following morning, the police arrived on the scene, led by inspector Mathebula and Ndemanda, and Superintendent Morten, while we were busy calling our comrades together to allocate the empty houses. They asked us if we had documents to move in, and we replied "no, we have our c-forms that say we need houses". They then handed us a court order from extension 9, dated the 22nd April 2008, which said that we needed to evacuate the premises. We called our advocate by cell phone, who then told the superintendent over the phone that the court order is faulty and that the people are not moving out and should be left alone. Superintendent Ndemanda refused to listen and threatened to shoot us if we did not disperse in five minutes. One of our leaders, Daphne Sehota, responded by asking our comrades to sit down peacefully and they did.

Superintendent Ndemanda then gave the order to the police to shoot rubber bullets at us, including elderly women, and they proceeded to shoot at us while we were seated. Our blood spilled onto the streets as nearly 30 people were injured by the bullets. 26 were arrested on charges of trespassing. We obtained J88's for many of the victims of the police brutality and reported the incident to the police, as they must be held responsible for their actions, but our claims have been completely ignored. The 26 who were arrested spent four days in jail and have now also been released without ever appearing in court.

This is not the first time we have been assaulted by the police for fighting for our rights. 15 years into our so-called democracy, the government is using the same repressive tactics as the apartheid government used by arresting our leaders and brutally assaulting us. But, the response by the police will not stop us from fighting for our basic human rights. Not only are we being denied the houses that were promised to us by

the government, but we are also being suppressed and brutalised by the police when we protest for these rights peacefully. We are calling for advice and support from any organisation or individual who feels we should be able to express ourselves freely without the fear of being attacked.

For more information or to assist, please contact:
Dephne - 078 520 5685
Or, Louis - 071 121 8120

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Uyishayile!

To view Elkartasun Bideak's collection of short films visit
<http://www.youtube.com/user/elkartasunbideak>

To view 'From the Shacks to the Constitutional Court' visit http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y_T7OKD05Vw

To view an excerpt of 'A Place in the City' visit
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fr7h6aTQp5A>

To view 'Dear Mandela' visit
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=caBo002T4el>

To find out more about 'When the Mountain Meets its Shadow', a new film about life and struggle in Cape Town, visit <http://when-the-mountain-meets-its-shadow.com/>

Abahlali baseMjondolo, together with with Landless People's Movement (Gauteng), the Rural Network (KwaZulu-Natal) and the Western Cape Anti-Eviction Campaign, is part of the Poor People's Alliance - a national network of democratic membership based poor people's movements.

Abahlali baseMjondolo <http://www.abahlali.org>

Khayelitshastruggles
<http://www.khayelitshastruggles.com/>

Western Cape Anti-Eviction Campaign
<http://antieviction.org.za/>

To join the contact list for the Western Cape Anti-Eviction Campaign, go to:
<http://groups.google.com/group/antieviction/subscribe>

To contact Abahlali baseMjondolo please do not use this address - please use the contact form at:
<http://www.abahlali.org/contact>.

Everyone counts

Sekwanele!

WERC Urges Support for Sept. 20 March 4 Jobs in Pittsburgh, Pa. WERC Coordinators Endorse Jobs with Justice National Week of Action to Demand a Real Economic Recovery for Working People

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

While the media keep trumpeting signs of economic recovery, the plight of working people has been growing steadily worse. Official unemployment continues to rise, but even the official statistics mask the growing number of people who have stopped looking for work or who are working fewer hours than before and are therefore not included in the numbers.

As unemployment rises, so do home foreclosures. In 2007, at the beginning of the economic crisis, 1 in 100 homeowners were delinquent in their mortgage payments; that number has now skyrocketed to 1 in 10 and continues to grow. Most delinquent homeowners end up in foreclosure. A disproportionate number are Blacks and Latinos.

Meanwhile, the banks have returned to the perverse reward system that contributed to the financial meltdown. Citigroup, which accepted a huge government bailout and has yet to pay it back, wants to reward one of its traders with \$100 million bonus, thereby spiking the inequalities in wealth. Yet no economic system can thrive when the vast majority of wealth is concentrated in the hands of a tiny minority of the population while the remaining majority struggles to get by.

Given this context, we are asking you to endorse a demonstration organized by the Bail Out People Movement (<http://www.bailoutpeople.org/>) which is being organized in response to the world economic crisis. It is scheduled for Sunday, September 20 in Pittsburgh, PA to coincide with the meeting of the G20 there. The demands of the Bail Out People Movement are:

- A Jobs Program for All
- A Moratorium on Layoffs, Foreclosures and Evictions
- No Cuts in Social Services
- Fund People's Needs, not War and Greed

This demonstration has already attracted the following endorsements:

- United Steel Workers of America (USWA)
- United Electrical Workers Union (UE)
- San Francisco Labor Council
- Donna Dewitt, President of South Carolina AFL-

CIO

- Cynthia McKinney, DIGNITY
- Cindy Sheehan
- Chris Silvera, Sec. Treasurer of Teamsters 808 in N.Y. City
- ILWU Local 10
- Letter Carriers Union, Local 214

The Workers Emergency Recovery Campaign encourages people to attend the demonstration and/or help build it.

We also call on our supporters to help us distribute at this demonstration a WERC flier with our 10-point program. If you can help, please fill out the coupon below and return it asap to our campaign address listed above.

Thanks, in advance, for your support.

In solidarity,

Signed/

Interim National Steering Committee of the Workers Emergency Recovery Campaign (WERC):

- Kali Akuno, Malcolm X Grassroots Movement, Gulf Coast Reconstruction activist
- Alan Benjamin,* Executive Committee member, San Francisco Labor Council
- Mike Carano, Progressive Democrats of America
- Colia Clark, Veteran, Civil Rights Movement
- Donna Dewitt*, President, South Carolina AFL-CIO
- Pat Gowens, National organizer, Welfare Warriors
- Bill Leumer,* International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 853 (ret.)
- Luis Maga a, Coordinator, Organization of Farmworkers of California (OTAC)
- Cynthia McKinney, Former Member of Congress, 2009 Green Party presidential candidate
- Jack Rasmus, Economist, Professor at St. Mary's College
- Al Rojas, Coordinator, Frente de Mexicanos en el Exterior
- Marc Rich*, United Teachers of Los Angeles
- Cindy Sheehan, Gold Star mother, antiwar activist
- Clarence Thomas, Member, ILWU Local 10
- Mark Vorpahl*, SEIU Local 49, Portland, OR
- Nancy Wohlforth*, Co-Pres., Pride at Work/AFL-CIO, Vice Pres., California Federation of Labor

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(Intro Note: Bill Leumer and Alan Benjamin, national co-coordinators of the Workers Emergency Recovery Campaign, sent in the WERC endorsement to the call below issued by Jobs with Justice.)

JOBS WITH JUSTICE CALL FOR
Week of Action to Demand a Real
Economic Recovery for Working People

September 24-October 1, 2009
<<http://www.unionvoice.org/ct/C7vLmrs1yBab/>>

ONE YEAR AGO Congress & the Federal Reserve bailed-out Wall Street and the insurers, claiming they were "too big to fail." ONE YEAR LATER ...

- Workers are losing their jobs, homes, healthcare, & retirement security.
- The Bailed-Out Banks continue to award executive bonuses while refusing to finance jobs and evicting renters and homeowners through foreclosures.
- Corporations still "own" Congress & are continuing with "business as usual" by blocking measures like health care reform and the Employee Free Choice Act
- The G-20, an international group of powerful bankers and governments, is meeting in Pittsburgh (9/24) to push for more of the same failed policies that created the economic crisis.

JOIN US FOR A WEEK OF ACTION TO DEMAND JOBS, HOMES, HEALTH CARE, & A NEW ECONOMY THAT WORKS FOR EVERYONE

For more information about what you can do, go to:

<http://www.jwj.org/recovery/index.html>

Jobs & the Unemployment Crisis:

- Stop layoffs and develop a "jobs creation program" to create millions of good jobs in our communities
- Pass the Employee Free Choice and other measures to ensure worker dignity
- Prioritize the unemployment crisis, extending and expanding benefits, including access to health care

Homes:

- Keep people in their homes; stop the foreclosures & evictions
- Fund affordable housing and community reinvestment

Health Care:

Enact quality, public, affordable health care for all

A New Economy that Works for Everyone:

- Protect retirement security and pensions
- Fix our broken trade and immigration laws
- Support education and human needs
- Make corporations and the wealthy pay a fair share of taxes.
- Break up the corporate giants & create a financial system that works for all
- Join our growing coalition of workers, students & youth, people of faith, and community members.

On the anniversary of the bailouts, some will send members to Pittsburgh for the G-20 meetings while others will take on banks and other corporate criminals in our own communities who have continued to make money while the rest of us suffer.

This release was submitted by John Shafer, Intelligentindigena Novajoservo's Victoria, BC Bureau Chief.

ANGLO-FRENCH OIL COMPANY THREATENED WITH EVICTION BY AMAZON TRIBES

SURVIVAL INTERNATIONAL PRESS RELEASE
7 September 2009

Crossed spears inside Block 67: uncontacted Indians' warning to stay out
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A giant Anglo-French oil project in Peru's Amazon is at risk after the country's Indians launched a court bid to stop it.

AIDSEP, the umbrella organisation of Peru's Amazon Indians, has lodged an urgent appeal with the country's Constitutional Tribunal to halt the project, in a part of the Peruvian Amazon known as 'Block 67'.

The project is owned by Anglo-French company Perenco, who have promised to invest \$2billion in the find. But AIDSEP fears that the project could have catastrophic consequences for the uncontacted tribes living in the area. Spanish company Repsol-YPF is also covered by the application – it is exploring nearby.

Perenco was given the green light to start work in Block 67 just thirteen days after the 'Amazon's Tiananmen', when armed police violently broke up an indigenous protest near the town of Bagua. More than thirty policemen and civilians were killed.

Perenco, chaired by Oxford University graduate Francois Perrodo, denies the uncontacted tribes exist

inside Block 67. A recent exposé in a British newspaper alleged that a company contracted by Perenco withheld evidence of their existence. Perenco's project has aroused huge anger amongst Indian communities in northern Peru. Large-scale protests have been held, and the River Napo was blockaded for several weeks to stop Perenco's boats from entering Block 67.

Survival director, Stephen Corry, said today, 'How shameful that Peru's Indians are having to resort to the courts to try to get Perenco and the government to listen to them. After the Bagua tragedy, the authorities promised to consult with indigenous people before pushing ahead with these massive projects, but yet again they're simply ploughing on against local people's wishes.'

To read this story online: <http://www.survival-international.org/news/4923>

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